



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday Aug 27, 2009

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

This is a summary for the week of rail grade prices on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers 146.00-151.00
A grade heifers 145.00-150.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

FED CATTLE

	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	83.03-93.54	88.16	105.25	87.27
Medium Frame Steers +1250	80.85-90.84	85.74	106.50	86.12
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	81.45-92.89	87.37	106.50	87.09
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	81.71-88.29	85.67	95.75	85.75
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	70.81-89.74	83.37	96.25	80.44
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	80.85-90.01	85.47	96.25	83.92
Cows- All Weights	33.06-49.63	41.36	92.00	45.03
Bulls- All Weights	50.68-66.43	57.73	88.00	63.45

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	722	88.59-95.06	92.14	98.75	94.31
900-999	673	86.08-99.27	95.62	105.25	96.94
800-899	540	80.49-102.09	96.32	110.25	95.83
700-799	609	75.75-104.68	97.10	118.50	99.74
600-699	456	84.25-110.61	100.61	123.50	100.45
500-599	375	82.81-115.48	101.29	134.00	109.84
400-499	176	99.92-129.55	119.31	145.00	113.71
-399	136	104.61-137.98	123.33	170.00	126.25

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	187	71.95-91.95	84.94	97.00	86.26
800-899	495	86.53-96.68	93.46	99.75	86.19
700-799	434	77.17-98.07	92.93	107.00	92.20
600-699	376	82.56-100.88	93.48	108.00	93.96
500-599	242	82.62-106.17	95.87	118.00	95.93
400-499	214	86.66-112.75	102.00	131.00	103.24
300-399	84	98.29-126.42	112.04	145.50	114.64
299-	38	96.55-120.42	109.52	135.00	114.15

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday August 22, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	84.00-94.25	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	82.00-89.00	No tops
Good Cows	43.00-55.00	58.50
Good heavy bologna bulls	Sales to 61.50	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: August 22, 2009

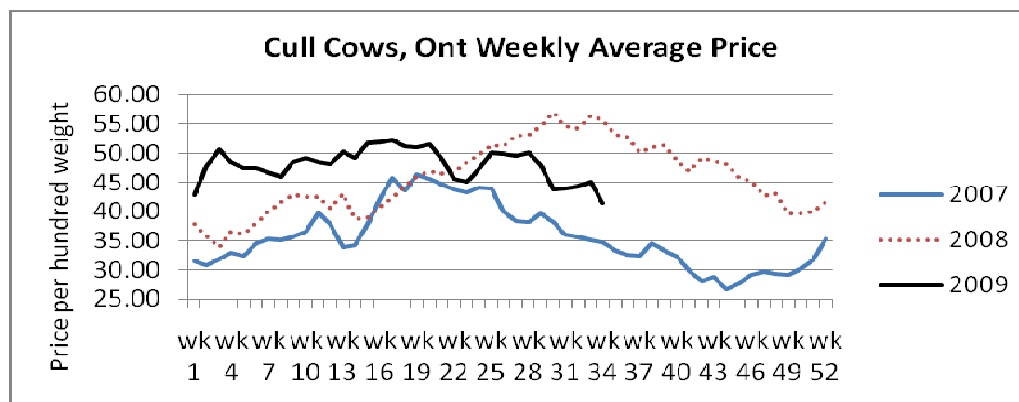
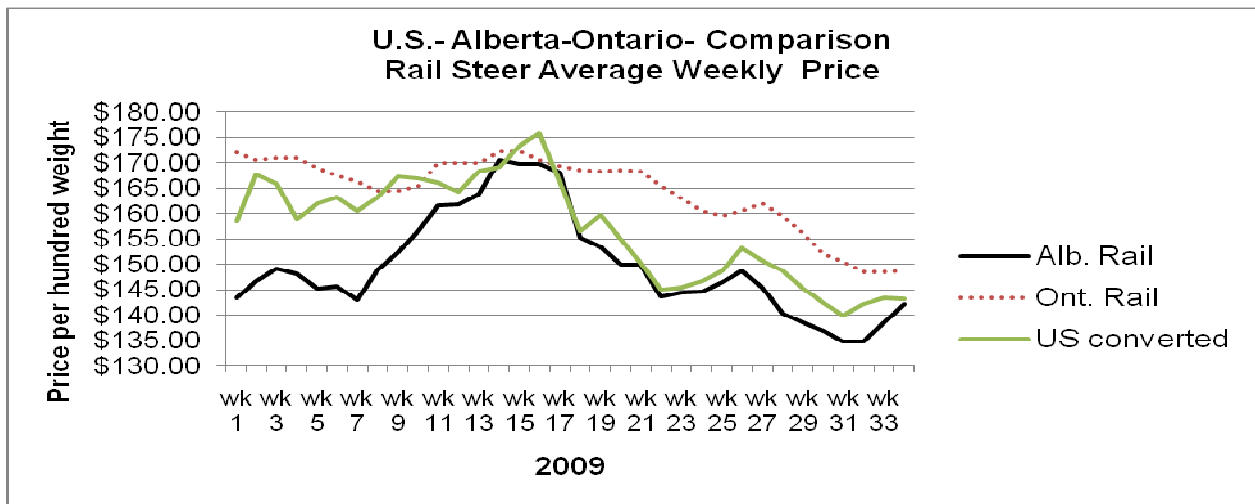
	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	27.00-54.00	41.80	61.00
Bulls -all weights	58.07-62.85	60.07	65.00

At Denfield Livestock – Aug 25, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	80.00-91.25	Choice exotic cross heifers	88.00-91.00
Good steers	85.00-88.00	Good heifers	84.00-87.00
Plain Steers	80.00-85.00	Plain heifers	80.00-83.00
Good fed cows	55.00-65.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-65.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-55.00	Good Holstein bulls	55.00-57.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-45.00	Good Hol bull calves	\$100.00-\$105.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	New born & plain calves	\$10.00-\$90.00
Steers 600-700 lbs	100.00-105.00	Heifers 600-700 lbs	88.00-98.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 25, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	40.00-85.00	Cows D1 & D2	50.00-56.00 top 60.00
Bulls	56.00-75.50	Cows D3	41.00-49.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	28.00-40.00



ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, August 21, 2009** – 886 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	92.00-97.00	94.49	98.75	900+	73.00-93.25	86.58	93.24
900-999	97.25-103.50	100.54	103.50	800-899	83.25-93.25	89.19	98.00
800-899	101.25-104.50	102.45	105.25	700-799	78.00-101.00	89.76	101.00
700-799	99.50-110.50	105.13	110.50	600-699	84.50-105.50	94.60	105.50
600-699	101.00-114.50	106.56	114.50	500-599	90.50-110.50	103.81	110.50
500-599	96.00-119.00	108.26	133.00	400-499	98.00-118.50	109.30	131.00
400-499	126.00-137.00	134.96	137.00	300-399	109.50-141.00	122.67	141.00
300-399	74.50-145.00	117.50	170.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange (Hoards) – Aug 25, 2009- 105** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	85.50-95.50	90.42	95.50	700-799	60.50-92.50	87.73	92.50
600-699	65.50-114.00	95.13	114.00	600-699	80.00-94.50	87.94	94.50
500-599	75.00-129.25	115.80	129.25	500-599	80.00-94.50	88.40	94.50
400-499	83.00-131.00	123.33	131.00				
399-	82.50-134.00	116.83	134.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Aug 25, 2009- 707** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	95.50	95.50	95.50	900+	92.00	92.00	92.00
900-999	97.00-102.50	99.04	103.25	800-899	93.00-99.75	97.06	99.75
800-899	100.00-110.25	106.72	110.25	700-799	85.00-102.60	100.94	102.60
700-799	115.00-118.50	116.06	118.50	600-699	91.00-104.00	97.39	104.00
600-699	108.00-120.50	112.88	120.50				
500-599	38.00-124.00	93.75	124.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 25, 2009- 150** stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	94.00-105.00	700-799	90.00-95.50
700-799	96.00-110.00	600-699	92.00-104.00
600-699	105.00-117.50	500-599	102.00-112.00
500-599	123.00-137.00	400-499	110.00-120.00
400-499	125.00-134.00	300-399	111.00-124.00
399-	127.00-133.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Aug 26, 2009 - 719** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	89.50-95.25	92.43	96.00	800-899	65.00-88.50	85.14	88.50
900-999	92.25-97.50	96.03	104.50	700-799	79.00-97.00	88.35	97.00
800-899	96.50-106.75	102.00	106.75	600-699	87.00-99.00	92.10	99.00
700-799	86.50-107.50	94.14	107.50				
600-699	103.00-111.00	108.50	111.00				
500-599	82.0-127.50	103.25	127.50				

SPECIAL ONTARIO FALL STOCKER SALES

Stocker sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange. August 22, 2009 – 748 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	78.00-90.50	85.87	91.00	900+	59.00-88.00	76.06	88.00
900-999	84.00-94.50	91.92	95.00	800-899	75.00-91.50	85.57	95.00
800-899	86.50-102.50	95.02	102.50	700-799	87.00-97.00	91.98	97.00
700-799	82.50-105.00	96.05	105.00	600-699	89.00-100.00	94.43	108.00
600-699	82.00-108.00	96.97	114.00	500-599	87.00-111.00	98.88	112.00
500-599	88.00-120.00	108.89	134.00	400-499	86.00-117.00	107.19	117.00
400-499	112.00-145.00	134.54	145.00	300-399	109.00-118.50	115.22	118.50
300-399	117.00-146.00	136.71	146.00	299-	123.00-124.00	123.20	124.00

Stocker sale at: **Rainy River Cattlemen's Assoc- Stratton- August 22, 2009 – 1,187 Head**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	57.50-97.00	90.74	97.00	900+	46.50-86.75	75.54	86.75
800-899	56.00-98.75	90.76	98.75	800-899	71.50-91.00	89.26	91.00
700-799	60.00-102.75	94.99	102.75	700-799	65.00-96.75	93.07	96.75
600-699	68.00-105.75	98.06	105.75	600-699	67.00-96.00	90.59	96.00
500-599	62.50-108.00	87.64	108.00	500-599	57.00-98.00	80.34	98.00
400-499	65.50-98.50	79.63	98.50	400-499	81.00-92.00	86.00	92.00
300-399	53.00-90.00	68.00	110.00	300-399			

A nice run of yearling cattle, very green cattle ready to take on some feed, traded at prices steady to the current market trend.

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange- August 26, 2009 – 101 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	71.00-96.00	83.03	96.00	700-799	76.00-84.00	81.54	84.00
600-699	70.00-108.00	85.65	108.00	600-699	56.00-96.00	73.06	96.00
500-599	76.00-122.00	98.03	122.00	500-599	92.00-110.00	99.21	110.00
400-499	96.00-125.00	111.40	125.00	400-499	60.00-113.00	84.10	113.00
399-	44.00-148.00	96.79	148.00	300-399	84.00-128.00	107.04	128.00

Stocker Comparison- this week's average price compared to the same time last year.

	This week's Average Price	Year Ago Average Price	Change
Steers	2009	2008	
400-500	119.31	129.28	-9.97
500-600	101.29	123.08	-21.79
600-700	101.61	117.07	-16.46
700-800	97.00	112.93	-15.93
800-900	96.32	108.50	-12.18
900+	93.82	106.98	-13.16
Heifers			
300-400	112.04	116.91	-4.87
400-500	102.00	109.48	-7.48
500-600	95.87	108.23	-12.36
600-700	93.48	104.44	-10.96
700-800	92.93	102.42	-9.49
800+	91.12	97.88	-6.76

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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Steers	Live	84.00-85.25	Flat rail	141.50-142.35
Heifers	Live	83.60-85.85	Flat rail	141.50-142.35

U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	85.00
	Rail	132.00

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)

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A1, A2 Steers 1	Price	146.50-150.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Aug 14, 2009	1.5632	1.5491
Aug 7, 2009	1.5781	1.5433
July 31, 2009	1.6107	1.5581

U.S. BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES (U.S. funds)

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	143.44	136.29

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Aug 29, 2009		
Grand Total	654,000	653,000	677,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Aug 22, 2009	857	790
Aug 16, 2008	847	7858

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Aug 22, 2009		
Grand Total	66,346	1,996,326	99%
Alberta Slaughter	52,665	1,488,158	105%
Ontario Slaughter	10,820	345,312	97%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Aug 8, 09	Week ending Aug 1, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,019	2,714	79,504
Steers & Heifers	1,715	2,455	64,903
Cows	300	259	13,867
Bulls	4	0	734

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS

Jan 1 – June 30, 09

Pure bred	758
Non-pure bred	25,512

EXPORTS

Jan 1 – Aug 15, 09

Slaughter steers & heifers	325,414
Feeder steers & heifers	201,256
Cows & Bulls	112,459

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– Aug 22	Mexico Jan 1-June 30
Total	170,544 tonnes	17,078 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Aug 8, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	560,293 tonnes	546,438 tonnes	+2.5%
Non-fed	106,444 tonnes	137,458 tonnes	-22.6%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Aug 15, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	73,736 tonnes	73,436 tonnes	+0.4%
Non-NAFTA	41,239 tonnes	21,766 tonnes	+89.5%
Total	116,055 tonnes	96,408 tonnes	+20.4%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<u>Live Cattle</u>		<u>Feeder Cattle</u>		<u>Corn</u>		<u>Soybeans</u>		<u>Canadian \$</u>	
\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US ¢/bu		\$/bu US ¢/bu			
Aug	84.65 -0.52	Aug	98.15 -0.67	Sep	3.210 -2.0	Sep	11.356 +21.4	Spot	91.50 -0.77
Oct	86.70 -0.87	Sep	98.05 -0.92	Dec	3.290 -0.2	Nov	10.110 +15.0	Sep	91.49 -0.74
Dec	87.10 -0.60	Oct	98.55 -0.75	Mar	3.426 -0.2	Jan	10.116 +14.2	Dec	91.50 -0.74
Feb	87.57 -0.45	Nov	99.47 -0.80	May	3.514 -0.6	Mar	10.072 +13.6	Mar	91.48 -0.75
Apr	89.70 -0.37	Jan	99.40 -1.10	Jul	3.600 +0.0	May	9.992 +14.0	Jun	91.46 -0.75
Jun	86.05 -0.57	Mar	100.52 -0.67	Sep	3.684 +0.4	Jul	10.004 +13.6	Sep	91.44 -0.75

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Ontario Auction Markets Special Fall Stocker Sales- August 2009

Sept 3	10:00 am	Wiarion-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop.	Yearlings- mostly vaccinated
Sept 4	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Char & Exotic Cross- Yearling str & hfrs
Sept 11	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Yearling- str & hfrs- Overnight stand
Sept 12	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings
Sept 15	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Yearlings
Sept 15	10:00 am	Thessalon-Algoma Coop Livestock	Yearlings
Sept 16	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market	Stockers, vaccinated and non vaccinated
Sept 18	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Yearlings-strs & hfrs- Overnight stand
Sept 18	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange(hoards)	Calves/Yearlings- prefer vacc- catalogued
Sept 18	12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Market	Yearlings

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Comments for the week ending Aug 27, 2009

The fed cattle market traded on a mixed demand. There were 773 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 38 from last week and 243 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$81.45-\$92.89 averaging \$87.37 up \$0.28 from last week and \$10.77 lower than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$80.85-\$90.01 up \$1.55 from last week and \$10.40 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade early in the week as steady. One mid week report saw prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower than the previous week, with the last reporting sale of the week up \$1.00-\$2.00 from last week.

The slaughter cow market was under pressure this week after a few weeks of advances. There were 2,014 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 293 from last week and 203 more than the same time last year. Slaughter cows ranged from \$33.06-\$49.63 averaging \$41.36 down \$3.67 from last week and \$14.23 lower than this time last year. Auction markets reported prices from steady to barely steady to under pressure up to \$3.00 lower.

There were 5,757 replacements sold through auction markets, up 71.8% from last week and 41% more than last year at this time. Auction market reports were mixed this week. Yearling cattle were reported as trading on a lack luster demand with prices from steady to easier. All others were reported as mostly steady with one report of heifers barely steady. Actual average prices saw steers 500-600 lbs down \$8.55 and 700-800 lbs down \$2.74. Steers over 900 lbs averaged \$1.24 lower with all other categories of steers steady. Heifers over 700 lbs averaged \$0.73-\$4.88 stronger while all categories under 700 lbs were \$0.48-\$2.60 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices were steady with a very slight improvement mid week. Steers started the week trading from \$146-151 with midweek prices from \$147-\$151. Heifers followed the same trend with early week reports from \$145-\$150 and mid week at \$146-\$150. The weekly average prices were \$0.25 higher.

Alberta's fed cattle market was active with prices \$2.00-\$3.50 higher than last week. Steers traded from \$84.00-\$85.25 live and \$141.50-142.35 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$83.60-85.85 live and \$141.50-142.35 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday afternoon. Northern trade was \$0.50-\$1.00 stronger with sales from \$131-\$133 dressed with most sales at \$132.00. Southern business was stronger at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher with most sales reported at \$85.00 live. Friday remained quiet. Look for higher asking prices next week with smaller offerings expected.